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The Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's Club Presents...

> Our December Holiday Party and Officer Installation with Senator Lisa Krasner

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

The Chateau | 955 Fairway Blvd. | Incline Village 11:30 am – 1:00 pm



Senator Lisa Krasner is a graduate of UCLA and the University of LaVerne College of Law. She is an adjunct Professor in the Political Science Department of Truckee Meadows Community College teaching students about the U.S. Constitution. She is a member of six Republican clubs in Northern Nevada (including ours) and is an active participant in numerous clubs and organizations promoting education, the arts, and Women in Government. She has served as an Assembly Member in the Nevada Legislature (2017–2022) and is currently a Senator representing District 16 in Nevada.

RSVP/payment of \$35 must be received by December 6 at 12:00 noon

Email Nancy Carlson nmcarlson01@yahoo.com or purchase tickets at: https://ivcbrw.org/ and click "pay."



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

he holidays are here! I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving celebration with friends and family. We were so lucky t

with friends and family. We were so lucky to have a beautiful day while much of the country had severe weather. The next few weeks will be filled with shopping, baking, and getting together with friends, neighbors and work colleagues to celebrate the season.

2025 represents a year of renewed promise and change for our country. American patriotism is here again!! There is an enthusiasm in the air in anticipation of what newly reelected President Trump has on his agenda for the future of America. Already he is demonstrating forward thinking creative ideas for our government with new departments, work parameters, and definitely showing a movement to create a younger innovative cabinet in many cases. He has also selected candidates for his cabinet that are very experienced in their fields and have the courage and knowledge to implement the will of the voters. Change is definitely in store for the coming year! (Check out President Trump's cabinet choices on pages 5-9 of this newsletter.)

2025 is also the 60th Anniversary of the IVCB Republican Women's Club. Under the leadership of newly-lected President Suzi Cornell and her Board, our most important goal is to keep our club active and growing for the next 60 years! The greatest challenge is to encourage younger Republican women in our community to join and participate in the activities that our club has to offer. Not only will they gain knowledge about topics important to our State, but create long-lasting friendships with members.

Please join us at the Chateau December 10th at 11:30 for our annual Christmas luncheon and 2025 Officer Installation. We are honored to

have our own member District 26 Senator Lisa Krasner install our new Executive Board.

Happy Holidays!



Cretia Eyster

November Veteran's Day Meeting Recap with

LT. COLONEL TONY GRADY



ovember 12th our club celebrated Veteran's Day with a patriotic luncheon at the Chateau. We opened the meeting with the Incline High School ROTC Color Guard which also led us



Veteran's Day November Meeting Recap with

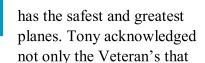
LT. COLONEL TONY GRADY

in the flag salute. We always are inspired to see young

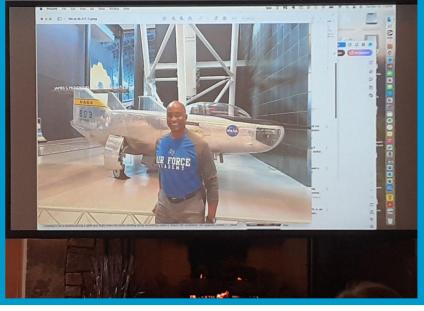
Americans from our community looking forward to serving our country in the future. We followed our flag salute with a toast to newly reelected President Donald Trump and then enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving turkey meal.

We were delighted to have Retired Air Force Lt. Colonel Tony Grady as our

Veteran's Day speaker. Tony had just returned from Washington DC where he visited a test pilot comrade from the Air Force. He began his presentation by showing a clip from a "Six Million Dollar Man" episode which was a Hollywood version of a test pilot crashing. It was a familiar scene to many of us from our old television days. Tony then shared with us military footage of an actual test pilot crash landing that test pilots like himself and his comrade endure when they are acting in the line of duty to ensure that our military



have fought in our wars, those that have been wounded or that lost their lives, but also wanted to pay tribute to the many veterans that serve our country in other ways facing dangers and risks every day. Lt Colonel Tony Grady is a wonderful patriotic American and we always look forward to his inspiring presentations to our club.









It's That Time Again!

It is time to renew your annual membership in the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's Club! As you know, our membership runs from January through December each year, and we are asking you to renew your membership this month prior to January. You can do this in two ways:

You can go onto our Square website by entering "ivcbrw.org" into your browser, clicking on the "Pay" tab, and clicking on the red "Register and Pay for Events" highlighted text. You can pay for "full" membership (Republican Women who consider this their primary club), or "associate membership" (Republican Men or Republican Women who are primary members in another club).

You can write a check for full membership (\$50) or associate membership (\$20) and send it to: Membership, IVCB Republican Women, P.O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450

If none of your information has changed you will not have to complete a new application. If your address or contact information has changed you must complete a new application (on our website on the "Join/Contact" tab, click on the red "membership application" link). You can also complete an updated application at one of our meetings.

We are SO PLEASED to celebrate a number of new officers after our election earlier in October. Our new Membership Co-Chairs are Mary Jane Swenson and Kelly Neville. Please welcome them to their new positions when you see them!

Nancy Carlson



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

E DID IT!!! November 5th was a great day for Republicans. We fought hard to get there. Past and Future President,



Donald Trump will become President once again in January and along with the people he has chosen to be in his cabinet will finally bring this country back to the way it should be run. It's too bad that it did not end so well for our County. We will have to see how things end up.

We have two new Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) Trustee's, and I want to say congratulations to them and hope they do a good job over the next two years. I also want to wish Sara and Matt the best of retirement from the job of Trustee. Thank you.

We have a new General Manager, his name is Kent Walrack. There has been some controversy over his appointment. It is hoped that he and the new board in January can find a way to make things work out. Let's give him a chance.

Unfortunately Marsha Birkbigler did not get the position of Washoe County Commissioner. We will be dealing with our present Commissioner for another term. Let's hope she listens better to us better this term.

A lot of us who live in Condo Associations are dealing with the problem with Insurance. The association that I belong to has let us know that we will no longer be able to BBQ on our decks even with a gas enclosed BBQ Grill. If it is not electric it's a NO CAN DO. So if you are insured by Farmer's Insurance, get rid of your nice gas BBQ. Maybe some of your single family home friends that don't have a BBQ could use it.



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

I just hit a milestone birthday the 3rd of November. I hit 80!! I celebrated with a number of my good

friends.



I have done some readjusting in my life since then. I am going to start spending more time on my own life and less on others. I may even get to do some traveling down to our home

Manhattan Beach for some time to sit and relax and enjoy the ocean. I am not going

to desert the clubs that I enjoy . . . just not spending as much time volunteering.

Our next meeting is our installation of the new offices for 2025. I'm sure they will do just as wonderful job, and we have all done in the past year or two. We are fortunate to have our member and Nevada **Senator Lisa Krasner** once again install our new officers. So until next month, Happy Thanksgiving and hope to see you at the December Installation meeting on December 10th, and if not, Merry Christmas and Happy 2025. Remember that we do not have a regular meeting in January, so see you in February.

Shirley Appel

"War is not the best engine for us to resort to; nature has given us one in our commerce, which if properly managed, will be a better instrument for obliging the interested nations of Europe to treat us with justice."

—Thomas Jefferson (1797)

Trump's Cabinet and Other Top Posts: Who's Been Picked

resident-elect Donald Trump has picked his cabinet and a flurry of other high-ranking administration positions following his November 5th election victory. Here are Trump's choices for some of the key posts overseeing defense, intelligence, health, diplomacy, trade, justice, immigration and economic policymaking.

SCOTT BESSENT, TREASURY SECRETARY

As Trump's Treasury secretary, Bessent would hold vast influence over economic, regulatory and international affairs. A longtime hedge fund investor who taught at Yale University for several years, Bessent, 62, has a warm relationship with the president-elect.

MARCO RUBIO, SECRETARY OF STATE

If confirmed, Rubio, a U.S. senator, would be the first Latino to serve as the nation's top diplomat. Rubio, 53, was arguably the most hawkish option on Trump's short list for the post. The Florida-born senator has advocated in the past for a muscular foreign policy with respect to U.S. geopolitical foes, including China, Iran and Cuba. Over the last several years, he has softened some of his stances to align more closely with Trump's views.

PETE HEGSETH, DEFENSE SECRETARY

Hegseth, 44, is a military veteran who has expressed disdain for the so-called "woke" policies of Pentagon leaders, including its top military officer. As secretary of defense, Hegseth could make good on Trump's campaign promise to rid the U.S. military of generals whom he accuses of pursuing progressive policies on diversity in the ranks that conservatives have railed against.

PAM BONDI, ATTORNEY GENERAL

Trump picked former Florida Attorney General Bondi on the day his previous choice, Matt Gaetz, withdrew from consideration. Bondi, 59, was the top law enforcement officer of the country's third most populous state from 2011 to 2019. She served on Trump's Opioid and Drug Abuse Commission during his first administration.

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Trump's inner circle has described the attorney general as the most important member of the administration after Trump himself, key to his plans to carry out mass deportations, pardon those in jail for the January 6, 2021 Washington DC protesters and seek retribution against those who prosecuted him over the past four years.

KASH PATEL, FBI DIRECTOR

Patel, who during Trump's first term advised both the director of national intelligence and the defense secretary, has been a fierce critic of the FBI. He has previously called for it to be stripped of its intelligence-gathering role and for the firing of any employee who refuses to support Trump's agenda. A former Republican House staffer, Patel, 44, frequently appeared on the campaign trail to rally support for Trump in his recent presidential bid. With the nomination of Patel, Trump is signaling that he is preparing to oust the FBI's current director, Christopher Wray, a Republican first appointed by Trump. Wray's 10-year term at the FBI does not expire until 2027.

TULSI GABBARD, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Gabbard, a former Democratic member of Congress and an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve, was appointed by Trump to serve as director of national intelligence, where she would oversee 18 agencies tasked with intelligence gathering. Gabbard, 43, has been an outspoken critic of the Biden administration's foreign policy, particularly with regard to its support of Ukraine in the war with Russia.

KRISTI NOEM, HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY

As homeland security secretary, Noem would oversee a sprawling federal agency of 260,000 employees that handles everything from border protection to cybersecurity to transportation safety and disaster response. The current governor of South Dakota, Noem, 52, rose to national prominence after refusing to impose a statewide mask mandate during the COVID-19 pandemic.

HOWARD LUTNICK, COMMERCE SECRETARY

The co-chair of Trump's transition effort and the longtime chief executive of financial services firm Cantor Fitzgerald, Lutnick has been picked to head the

Commerce Department, the agency that has become the U.S. weapon of choice against China's tech sector. A bombastic New Yorker like Trump, Lutnick, 63, has uniformly praised the president-elect's economic policies, including his use of tariffs. Trump said Lutnick also would be given "additional direct responsibility" for the Office of U.S. Trade Representative. It remained unclear whether Trump would still name someone to that position.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY

Kennedy, 70, an environmental activist who has spread misinformation about the dangers of vaccines, is now poised to lead the top U.S. health agency. A former independent presidential candidate, he has suggested he would gut the 18,000-employee Food and Drug Administration, which ensures the safety of food, drugs and medical devices, and replace hundreds of employees at the National Institutes of Health. Kennedy has decried the U.S. food industry for adding ingredients that he says have made Americans less healthy. The Department of Health and Human Services oversees the FDA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health and the massive Medicare and Medicaid programs, which provide health coverage for the poor, those aged 65 and older, and the disabled.

LORI CHAVEZ-DEREMER, LABOR SECRETARY

Trump's pick of Chavez-DeRemer, a U.S. congresswoman from Oregon, could be one of the rare selections who draws bipartisan support. Chavez-DeRemer, 56, is considered one of the most union-friendly Republicans in Congress, and her selection was viewed as a way for Trump to reward union members who voted for him. The pick was praised by Teamsters President Sean O'Brien, while some conservatives expressed dismay.

SEAN DUFFY, TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY

Duffy, a former U.S. congressman from Wisconsin and Fox News host, would oversee aviation, automotive, rail, transit and other transportation policies at the department with about a \$110 billion budget, as well as significant funding that remains under the Biden administration's 2021 \$1 trillion infrastructure law and EV charging stations. Trump has vowed to reverse the Biden



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administration's vehicle emissions rules, which have spurred automakers to build more electric vehicles. Duffy, 53, first became known as a cast member on MTV's "The Real World" reality show in the late 1990s.

BROOKE ROLLINS, AGRICULTURE SECRETARY

As agriculture secretary, Rollins, the 52-year-old president of the America First Policy Institute, would be in charge of a 100,000-person agency whose remit includes farm and nutrition programs, forestry, and agricultural trade. The institute is a right-leaning think tank whose personnel have worked closely with Trump's campaign to help shape policy for his incoming administration. She was the acting director of the Domestic Policy Council during Trump's first term.

DOUG BURGUM, INTERIOR SECRETARY AND "ENERGY CZAR"

Burgum, 68, a wealthy former software company executive, has portrayed himself as a traditional, business-minded conservative. He ran against Trump for the Republican presidential nomination before quitting and becoming a supporter. The Interior Department manages public lands and minerals, national parks and wildlife refuges. The department also carries out the U.S. government's trust responsibility to Native Americans. As the chair of a new National Energy Council, Burgum is expected to coordinate with several agencies to boost oil and gas output, particularly with regard to drilling on government-owned land.

CHRIS WRIGHT, ENERGY SECRETARY

Wright, a top Trump donor, is the founder and CEO of Liberty Energy, an oilfield services firm based in Denver. The 59-year-old is a promoter of fossil fuels and has been skeptical that extreme weather events are tied to climate change. As Trump's energy secretary, he would, among other things, oversee the nation's nuclear stockpile. Wright also would serve on the new National Energy Council.

LINDA MCMAHON, EDUCATION SECRETARY

McMahon is a former executive CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment who served as the chief of the Small Business Administration during Trump's first term. As education secretary, she would oversee an agency that Trump has pledged to eliminate. It may be more likely, however, that McMahon, 76, works to further conservative education policy goals, including doing away with diversity programs in public schools and allowing tax dollars to be used for private school tuition.

SCOTT TURNER, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY

Turner, 52, a former Texas state legislator and National Football League player, would take over the Department of Housing and Urban Development if confirmed. He was the first executive director of the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council during Trump's first term, a role in which he helped the country's distressed communities, Trump said in a statement.

MIKE WALTZ, NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER

Waltz, a Republican U.S. representative and a retired Army Green Beret, has been a leading critic of China. A Trump loyalist who also served in the National Guard as a colonel, Waltz, 50, has criticized Chinese military activity in the Asia-Pacific and voiced the need for the U.S. to be ready for a potential conflict in the region. The national security adviser is an influential role that does not require Senate confirmation. Waltz will be responsible for briefing Trump on key national security issues and coordinating with different agencies.

JOHN RATCLIFFE, CIA DIRECTOR

Ratcliffe, who was director of national intelligence at the end of Trump's first term, would helm the Central Intelligence Agency in his second administration. A former congressman and prosecutor, Ratcliffe, 59, is seen as a Trump loyalist who could likely win Senate confirmation. Still, during his time as director of national intelligence, Ratcliffe often contradicted the assessments of career civil servants, drawing criticism from Democrats who said he politicized the role to curry favor with Trump.

RUSS VOUGHT, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR

Vought, a key architect of Project 2025, a conservative plan to overhaul the government, will return as director of an agency that helps determine the president's policy priorities and how to pay for them. Vought, 48, who was OMB chief during Trump's 2017-2021 term, will play a



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major role in setting budget priorities and implementing Trump's campaign promise to roll back government regulations. He has been deeply involved in the Heritage Foundation's Project 2025, a set of policy proposals that includes a broad expansion in presidential power by boosting the number of political appointees and increasing the president's authority over the Justice Department. The plan also proposes eliminating the Department of Education.

ELON MUSK AND VIVEK RAMASWAMY, HEADS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Outspoken tech billionaire Elon Musk and former Republican presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy have been charged with leading a newly created Department of Government Efficiency, a reward for their staunch support during the campaign. Trump said Musk, 53, and Ramaswamy, 39, will offer proposals to reduce government bureaucracy, slash excess regulations, cut waste and restructure federal agencies, although the panel will hold no actual authority under federal law. Instead, the panel will work with the White House and the Office of Management and Budget, Trump has said.

TOM HOMAN, "BORDER CZAR"

Homan has been tasked with one of Trump's biggest campaign priorities: securing the nation's borders. Trump made cracking down on migrants in the country illegally a central element of his campaign, promising mass deportations. As "border czar," Homan, 62, has said he would prioritize deporting immigrants illegally in the U.S. who posed safety and security threats as well as those working at job sites. He served as the acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement during Trump's first administration.

SUSIE WILES, CHIEF OF STAFF

Wiles, one of Trump's two campaign managers, will be his White House chief of staff, likely making her one of the most powerful women in government. The 67-year-old longtime Florida Republican political operative is credited with running an efficient campaign that helped Trump make inroads with new voters. Supporters hope she will

instill a sense of order and discipline that was often lacking during Trump's first four-year term, when he cycled through a number of chiefs of staff.

LEE ZELDIN, EPA ADMINISTRATOR

Zeldin, a former congressman from New York state and a staunch Trump ally, would take over as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency with a mandate to slash environmental regulations. Zeldin, 44, served in Congress from 2015 to 2023. In 2022, he lost the New York governor's race to Democratic incumbent Kathy Hochul. Trump has promised to overhaul U.S. energy policy, with the aim of maximizing the country's already record-high oil and gas production by rolling back regulations and speeding up permitting.

ELISE STEFANIK, AMB. TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Stefanik, a U.S. representative from New York state and staunch Trump supporter, would serve as his ambassador to the United Nations and function as the United States' voice on that body. Stefanik, 40, the House of Representatives' Republican conference chair, took a leadership position in the House in 2021 when she was elected to replace then-Representative Liz Cheney, who was ousted for criticizing Trump's false claims of election fraud. Stefanik will arrive at the U.N. after bold promises by Trump to end the Russia-Ukraine war and Israel's war in Gaza.

MARTIN MAKARY, HEAD OF THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Trump nominated Makary to lead the FDA, the world's most influential drug regulator with more than a \$7 billion budget. Makary, a surgeon and public policy researcher at Johns Hopkins University, raised concerns about a number of public health issues during the COVID pandemic, touting the protection from natural immunity while opposing vaccine mandates for the general public.

TODD BLANCHE, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Blanche, 50, a former New York federal prosecutor who represented Trump in several of his recent legal cases, would serve as deputy attorney general if confirmed, the No. 2 job at the Justice Department which carries out many of the day-to-day managerial duties at the agency.



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DAVE WELDON, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Weldon, a 71-year-old former congressman and medical doctor, is Trump's choice for director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a sweeping agency with a \$17.3 billion budget charged with protecting the nation's health.

JANETTE NESHEIWAT, U.S. SURGEON GENERAL

Nesheiwat, a director of a New York chain of urgent care clinics and Fox News contributor, would serve as U.S. surgeon general.

Nesheiwat treated patients during the COVID pandemic, tended to victims of Hurricane Katrina and the Joplin tornadoes, and has worked for the Samaritan's Purse disaster relief organization providing care in Morocco, Haiti and Poland, Trump said.

JAMIESON GREER, U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

As U.S. trade representative, Greer would have a key role in executing Trump's sweeping tariff agenda that promises to upend global trade. Greer, a 44-year-old trade lawyer, served as chief of staff to Trump's former U.S. trade representative, Robert Lighthizer, the architect of Trump's original tariffs on some \$370 billion worth of Chinese imports during Trump's first White House term.



https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/ trumps-cabinet-whos-been-picked-whosrunning-2024-11-12/ Article by Gram Slattery on Reuters, December 1, 2024.

CABINET

Trump's nominees will need to be confirmed by the Senate



State Marco Rubio



Treasury Scott Bessent



Defence Pete Hegseth



Attorney General Pam Bondi



Interior Doug Burgum



Agriculture Brooke Rollins



Commerce Howard Lutnick



Labour Lori Chavez-DeRemer



Health and Human Services Robert F Kennedy Jr



Housing and Urban Development Scott Turner



Transportation Sean Duffy



Energy Chris Wright



Education Linda McMahon



Veterans Affairs Doug Collins



Homeland Security Kristi Noem

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	Membership Application	
	New Member Renewing Membership	
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	Always more information for you at our website: ivcbrw.org	



Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women Vision and Mission Statement

<u>Vision</u>: To support individual freedom and responsibility under the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence by making Nevada a Red state again and keeping it that way.

<u>Mission:</u> To promote the principles and philosophy of the Republican Party at the local, state, and federal levels by taking action to:

- Support the election of conservative Republican candidates.
- Educate club members and local voters.
- Communicate with local, state and federal legislative bodies to enact constitutional, conservative legislation.
- Collaborate with Nevada Republican Women's clubs to leverage best practices to improve club effectiveness.
- Promote Republican and conservative values through social media, print media, and community participation.
- Effect change in our schools to support conservative and constitutional values.
- Protect the integrity of local, state, and federal elections.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December Member Birthdays

Jane Barnhart 3 December
Joanellen Slocumb 4 December
Tony Grady 5 December
Patty Clark 12 December
Jim Clark 12 December
Silva Leth 19 December
Sara Schmitz 28 December



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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